

Student Health Services

Examples of Fees

MTSU Student Health Services realizes the impact of the cost of medical care on students' budgets, and we work to provide comprehensive primary care, women's health, and healthy skin services at minimal cost to students. There is NO FEE for consultations with our staff for any illnesses. This is a covered service under student fees. Health Services charges nominal fees for labs, x-rays, and physicals priced significantly below private sector prices (i.e., strep test \$8, x-ray \$30, physical \$15) and offers reduced cost allergy desensitization, dietetic consults, and pharmacy services on site. **We do not file insurance as Health Services is not contracted as an in-network provider with any domestic student insurance plan.** We can provide a walk out statement if students wish to file the charges with their own insurance plan.

MTSU Campus Pharmacy: Our campus pharmacy fills prescriptions for on and off campus students, faculty, and staff. Students can transfer their current prescriptions to Campus Pharmacy. **Our pharmacy does accept most prescription insurance plans.** Campus Pharmacy also has a selection of generic medications offered at affordable cash prices for those students who are uninsured or do not wish to file their insurance.

Below are examples of typical visits to Health Services and Campus Pharmacy and the projected cost of each visit. Prescription prices are for the cash price of the medication. Out of pocket costs will vary if prescription insurance is used but should be the same as filling prescriptions off campus.

- You have had a very sore throat and fever for three days and decided to come to the clinic for evaluation. You are seen by a provider who examines you and recommends a test for strep throat. Your nurse performs the test and enters the positive result in your electronic medical record. The provider prescribes an appropriate antibiotic, and you fill the prescription at the MTSU pharmacy for a generic copay.

Triage by nurse	No Charge
Evaluation by Nurse Practitioner	No Charge
Strep screen in the lab	\$8.00
Prescription	\$7.00
TOTAL COST (with pharmacy)	\$15.00

**Prices for prescription drugs depend on the type of medication and the amount. Prices are variable based on manufacturer prices.*

- You noticed a skin lesion on your finger that appears to be a wart. It has recently become painful and has gotten bigger. You decide to schedule a Healthy Skin appointment with a provider at Health Services to have it evaluated. You discuss your options and decide that cryotherapy treatment with liquid nitrogen is best. The procedure is quick and easy. You are given instructions on after care and follow-up.

Triage by Nurse:	No Charge
Evaluation by Physician	No Charge
Procedure, cryotherapy	\$12.00-22.00
TOTAL COST	\$12.00-22.00 (depending on size and number of lesions treated)

- You accidentally twist your ankle as you step off the curb while hurrying to class. You walk into Health Services and are scheduled a walk-in appointment. The physician accesses your ankle and orders an x-ray. Your ankle is not broken but is sprained. Your provider discusses splinting and possible crutches. With a splint you are able to walk well even without crutches. Your provider also gives you home exercises and asks you to follow-up in one week.

Triage by nurse	No Charge
Evaluation by physician	No Charge
X-ray/ ankle (3 views)	\$30.00
Ankle Splint	\$22.00
TOTAL COST	\$52.00

- You have made an appointment for contraception with a Women’s Health Nurse Practitioner. Your provider discusses options including oral contraception, NuvaRing, and Long Acting Contraceptive Options such as Nexplanon. She also states MTSU offers STI testing if desired. You do not have insurance and decide on a quality low-cost option of oral contraception that is available at MTSU pharmacy and also decide that when you turn 21 next spring you will follow up for your first pap smear per guidelines.

Triage by nurse	No Charge
Evaluation by nurse practitioner	No Charge
Birth control pills	\$20.00*
TOTAL COST (with pharmacy)	\$20.00

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- You are having issues with weight and stress management and would like to speak to a provider about options. You schedule an appointment with a provider to discuss your concerns. The provider refers you to a Health Services Health Coach.

Triage by nurse	No Charge
Evaluation by physician	No Charge
Appointment with health coach or dietician	No Charge
TOTAL COST	\$0.00

- You have a skin lesion on your arm. It has been there for a few years but has recently darkened in color and is easily irritated and even bleeds occasionally. You are concerned about it and decide that it’s time to have it checked out. Your roommate mentions that Health Services has a Healthy Skin clinic that treats minor skin concerns and can even refer you to a local dermatologist if needed. You make an appointment and discuss your concerns with the provider. After inspecting the skin lesion and listening to your concerns about the recent changes, the provider recommends a biopsy to have the skin lesion tested for abnormalities. The provider explains the procedure and answers all your questions. The area is cleaned, numbed, and a small area is shaved off to send to the pathology lab for inspection. You are given aftercare instructions and schedule a follow-up appointment to check the biopsy site and discuss the pathology results.

Triage by nurse	No Charge
Evaluation by physician	No Charge
Procedure, shave biopsy	\$20.00
Pathology, lab fee	\$40.00
Follow-up Visit	No Charge
Wound Dressing	\$5.00
TOTAL COST	\$65.00

*Additional fees may apply if more advanced testing is ordered by pathologist at lab